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Hey dude- where's your car parked? With increased enrollment, parking is limited

By Will Lacy
Panther Staff

Have you found it frustrating driving around campus looking for somewhere to park?

The parking situation affects students, faculty and staff everyday. The problem with parking is simple. There aren't enough lots and spaces to accommodate the university community. So how do we fix it?

Larry Raab, executive director for facilities, planning, construction, and special projects, says, "There are six new lots being built over a

year's time, that will provide 1,100 spaces."

According to Raab, the first set of three parking lots will be a 140-space lot behind the MSC. The dirt parking lot beside the Baby Dome will be converted to cement, which is expected to provide 300-400 spaces. And a parking lot by the Veterinary clinic is projected to hold 150 spaces.

These three lots are estimated to put into use in the next six months. The second group of three parking lots will be built at Hobart Taylor, the Navy building, and the Architecture building, which Raab estimates will take a year to accomplish.

Fred Washington, associate vice president for finance and administration, explained the enrollment increase from 2002 to 2004.

Washington said, "In 2002 the enrollment was 6,900, and in 2003, 7,079 a difference of 179, not much in a course of a year. However, 2003 to 2004 changed miraculously from 7,079 to 8,476, making a difference of 1,397."

"Furthermore, the school is growing faster than the construction can be built. One problem with estimating the amount of spaces needed is low vehicle registration rate. Not all of the students who drive on campus register

their vehicles with the Department of Public Safety."

There will be a security parking management team going into action in the next few weeks to control and monitor illegal parking. However, an appeals board will be provided, made up of faculty, staff and students appointed by SGA and parking management.

Washington said, "The students are entitled to a quality service, but should also be held accountable for their actions. I encourage students to look forward to new and better things, and a new day in parking."



Kitz Quits

By Christina Johnson
Editor-in-chief

Waller County District Attorney Oliver Kitzman has submitted his letter of resignation to Texas Governor Rick Perry.

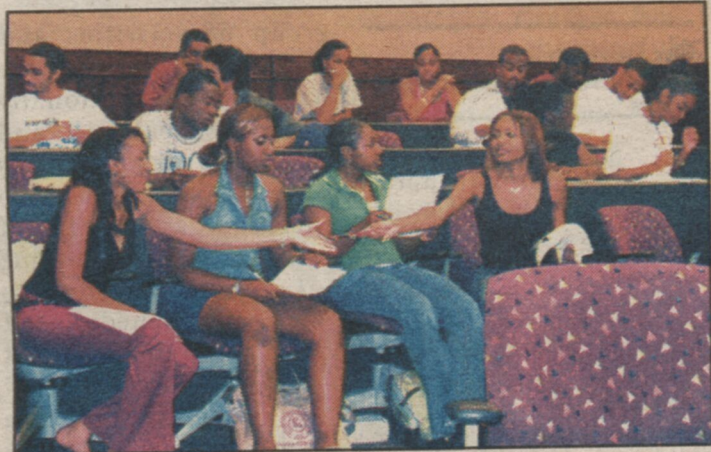
According to local news reports, Kitzman cited family reasons for his August 27 decision to resign, not the disputes he has had with law officials and residents of Waller County.

Kitzman was sued earlier this year for stating that students at Prairie View A&M University would not be able to vote in Waller County because they were not considered residents of the county. After protests made by students, the suit was dropped.

Kitzman was also hit with a lawsuit filed by black county officials saying that Kitzman discriminated against them.

Kitzman's resignation goes into effect Sept. 16. cjohnson26@pvamu.edu

The class of 2008 invades Pantherland



Freshmen in attendance at the first SGA interest meeting

By Matthew G. Jackson
Panther Staff

The freshman class of 2008 has arrived, and over 1,700 freshmen are now registered for the fall at Prairie View A&M University.

The new class brings a mixed bag of expectations. While some of the new students see Greek Letters in their futures, others simply do not plan to stay here past their first semester.

What would make some students question why they chose Prairie View in the first place?

Some freshmen chose Prairie View because they have family members who are alumni.

"It's a family tradition for me. My grandmother and my father both went here," said Tiffany Shelby, a freshman from Houston.

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Welcome back to the Hill!

Administration greets students

Dr. George Wright
University President

Greetings Pantherland!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome back all upperclassmen from their Summer 2004 vacation. I trust all of you had a productive summer that was balanced with work, play, rest, relaxation, and spending time with your family and friends.

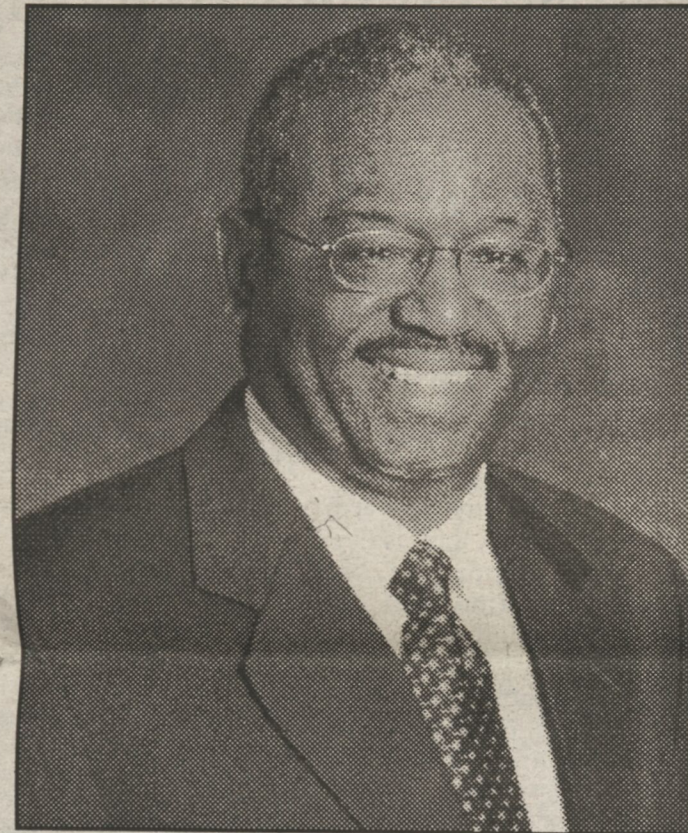
On behalf of the faculty and staff, I also welcome the freshmen and transfer students who will be spending their semester here. We are certainly pleased that you chose to enroll at PVAMU,

an HBCU with 128 years of history and tradition.

Pursuing a college degree is not easy. It requires hard work and determination; especially when multiple papers are due and a succession of exams are upon you. But, it is the special people who commit, persevere, and see their efforts culminate with the traditional graduation ceremony and the awarding of undergraduate and graduate degrees. I believe our freshmen and upperclassmen are special people who will work hard to have a successful year and reach their ultimate goal.

Student Enrollment Services and other campus

interacting with others, and dedication to the business of earning a quality education evidence models of success. As I said frequently to



staff are planning a roster of interesting speakers and programs to help make this year more interesting and diverse. The Back to Basics program will have a second season. We believe this program is important for preparing students to be appropriate in their dress and professional in their deportment.

I urge any students in need of help at any time to let faculty and staff know of your needs. Our mission is to serve. We are committed to your well being. All the best to you this semester.

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Dr. Doris Price
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Hello Panthers. We hope you have enjoyed greeting old friends, making new friends, welcoming new Panthers, settling into a comfortable schedule, and preparing for a successful 2004-2005 academic year. The Student Affairs staff certainly enjoyed preparing for your arrival as we structured your ideas into an interesting



group of activities and programs for this year. We have invited nationally known speakers and interesting personalities to our campus. We also included a variety of activities in order to bring more diversity into our schedule of programs. Contact the Office of Student Activities for more information. Have a great year and should you wish to visit with me at any time, stop by Evans Hall, Room 306, Have a great Year.

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Dr. E. Thomas-Smith
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Welcome New Panthers!!

Whether you are a first time in college freshman or a transfer student, you are a brand new Panther with all of the rights and privileges associated with that royal status.

The next several years here will be of utmost importance because during the years you will work diligently to meet and exceed your goals and objectives. New friends will come into your life and among them people whose friendship you will treasure for the rest of your life. Do not miss an opportunity to become connected to others, who by their conduct, method of

students attending the summer 2004 orientation, **associate to graduate.** Invite your friends and your class and laboratory faculty to accompany you to student events including those that are scheduled for evenings and weekends. They want to

support you and your interests.

Programs and services designed to meet your needs are available. Use them. Feel free to contact any of the offices of deans or directors in Academic and Student Services if you need assistance or could simply use an encouraging word or two. Our purpose is to make it possible for you to achieve positive academic, personal, and social outcomes during each semester and summer term.

Congratulations on choosing a university wisely, namely, Prairie View A&M University. ejtsmith@pvamu.edu



Wed., Sep. 1.....92°/65° (Mostly Sunny)
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Sun., Sep. 5.....94°/71° (Scattered T-Storms)
Mon., Sep. 6.....94°/69° (Partly Cloudy)

Tues, Sep. 7.....92°/68° (Iso. T-Storms)

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For better or for worse? PV begins changes

The Blueprint: Building a better SGA



By Denise Cohen
Managing Editor

Welcome Back Panthers! As the new year begins let's take the time to notice a few of the changes taking place on our campus. First we'll start with *The Panther*. This year we have kicked our paper up a notch to better serve you. Over the years the newspaper has been restricted to how many stories they could print due to issues with space. Because of this, Christina and I made the decision to increase the paper from 12 pages to 16! By doing this we spread your voices, the students, further for all to hear!

Not only has the campus newspaper changed but so has our campus! The electrical engineering and architecture buildings are nearing completion. Orientation was

much more structured and organized. ID cards were being offered on the second floor and the PV Police Department was handing out decals right across the hall in the MSC ballroom. Upstairs Financial Aid had FINALLY got it together. Students must have an appointment to meet with their counselors and if your financial aid papers were turned in last spring they were automatically applied to your fees worry free.

Unfortunately with all good comes bad. Parking is at its worst. We are forced to park as far as the post office and hike to the MSC for services. Once again housing has accepted too many students forcing those who were left out to fend for themselves. When are these serious issues going to end?

Although PV is beginning to grow we still have much to work on. You, as a student, can continue to nourish this campus by joining organizations, clubs, Student Government Association, or *The Panther*. Remember we are the voices of PV and this publication is just another way to be heard.

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By James Durnat
Panther Staff

The power to help build a strong awareness of student concerns and issues lies in the hands of the Student Government Association. As SGA president and vice President, Nigel Redmond and Tracie Calloway help bring our concerns for the well being of the university to the proper faculty, staff, and administrators.

Redmond is a 22 year-old senior management information system major from Dallas, Texas. Redmond has intentions to keep the bar of communication open between student government and the student body. Some strategies that are being put into action are adding suggestion boxes around campus for students to express their concerns and an open door policy to

Redmond's office has been created so the student body can have access to him. "I want to increase the school spirit and unity on this campus, and I want to do less talking and more doing," says Redmond.

is also in charge of the legislative branch of the SGA. Calloway has plans to bridge the communication gap between the students and the student body senators. "Being a senior on campus I feel that I have been around

SGA Executive Board

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Redmond feels that he has the ability to understand the students because he is a student himself and therefore he understands what the students' needs are.

Tracie Calloway is a senior Biology major from Texarkana, Arkansas. Her plans are also to help bring change to the university. As the vice-president Calloway

enough to know what affects the students, because of my outgoing spirit and personality." Calloway also tells her fellow students, "If you have a passion and true love for Prairie View and you want to make it better, take a firm stand and let your voice be heard."

What happened to a new day in the Village?

By Jeremy Gant
Panther Staff

Housing has become a major problem on campus. Prairie View has accepted more than 1,428 freshmen this year, leaving some freshmen without anywhere to stay. This problem causes upperclassmen to move from Phase I & II to Phase III and pay almost double the rent they had planned on paying. There is an option of moving off-campus. However, this takes time and preparation and it is almost impossible to find reasonable housing off

campus the week before school.

University College provides freshmen a structured way of living by administering rules and regulations for their dormitories, keeping freshmen on track. Mrs. Barker from University College commented, "Freshmen were not admitted if they didn't have the proper housing in University College," and Barker had no knowledge of any freshman living in the Village. The Village also has had a waiting list since Aug. 4th and University College is occupied along with a waiting list of students. So where are

these overflow students staying?

Students are moving off the yard at alarming rates, because of high priced rent which also makes parking a bigger problem since more students will be commuting.

"The Village is over rated, over priced and does not devote to all they say they will, but since housing is limited in the community to students, the village is our only option," states Anthony Buggs a junior Criminal Justice major.

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You have just been *PUNK'D*

By The Editorial Board
Panther Staff

What we think: It's time for Prairie View A&M students to stop being complacent- be aware of what's going on around you at your university.

Yes, students you read the headline correctly. You have just been **PUNK'D**! Still confused? Let's explain...

Have you looked at your fee receipts lately? Certain fees have increased due to cuts in funding made by the State of Texas. Therefore, to pick up the unmet need for university expenses, students have to pick up the tab. That brings us full circle to your fee receipts. The computer access fee and library fees have doubled.

If we are paying double for these amenities, shouldn't they be accessible at all times? Administration thinks differently. As of this semester, there is only one main computer lab on

campus that will be open late for students. The lab on the second floor of the library will remain open until 2 a.m. The lab in the New Science building no longer exists. Now, there are a little over a hundred computers in the library for an enrollment of 8,000 students. This is not sufficient, especially if fees are steadily increased. Something needs to change, quickly.

In other news, how many of you guys know that Prairie View doesn't own its housing facilities? We pay outrageous prices every month to live in rooms that aren't up to par with other housing facilities at other campuses. You move in, appliances are broken, the air doesn't work, and insects are everywhere. Yet, we remain complacent and pay the cost every month (\$522 if you live in Phase III). Why? Will anyone speak up?

Like Ashton Kutcher punks celebrities every week, we let administrators,

politicians, and business owners punk us every day. The worst part about this issue is that we punk ourselves. Example: the first week of school, rumors were spread about homecoming, music on campus, and the membership intake process. Instead of finding out the truth for ourselves, the rumor spread like fire and students took action without thinking about the consequences. What ever happened to thinking for ourselves? What do you believe in or stand for? Don't believe the hype- seek answers for yourself and handle the situation accordingly.

There are many other things that have changed that will affect us, but we'll tell you in another issue. For now, fellow Panthers, stop being lackadaisical, wake up, take initiative, and learn the facts. It's time to punk people back. Let the **PUNK'D** Revolt begin!!!

Greetings from the Editor



Dear Panthers,

It's that time of year again, when all memories of fun and games of summer past are laid to rest and the sounds of chalk scratching across a blackboard or students rustling through their backpacks to find homework can be heard. Welcome Panthers to another exciting year on "The Hill."

First, I must say it is truly an honor to be serving you again as your Editor in Chief for the 2004-2005 academic year. Last year, *The Panther*

made great strides in bringing you a well thought, well written, well structured publication. This year, we plan on taking everything up a notch. As we say in our office, "We're not a mediocre paper, so we will not accept mediocre things or set mediocre standards." Expect better things from us throughout the year.

There are changes you will see in this volume: We have become a 16-page publication. We have a new section called **In The Spirit**, which will feature articles on spiritual awareness and a church directory if anyone is looking for a place to worship. The Lifestyles and Entertainment section has been divided into two new sections- **Lifestyles/**

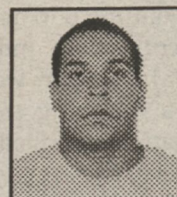
Health and Arts and Entertainment. We would like to welcome our new L&H/ A&E editor, **Raquel Clark**, to *The Panther* family. Clark is truly a gifted and talented writer and is a breath of fresh air for our publication.

There are many other changes, but you will have to see for yourself. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email us at panther@pvamu.edu or visit us in the MSC, Rm. 219. Remember: we are here to serve you- *The Panther* is the sentiment of the student body. Until pen and paper meet again...

Yours truly,
Christina Johnson
Editor in Chief

Purple & Gold Poll

What are your expectations for the Labor Day Classic?



Mark Quivers II
Senior
Criminal Justice/ ROTC

"I think P.V. will win it this year to start our winning season right. Cheerleaders are always on point."



Tori Ards
Junior
Health

"I think that our football team will finally show the world that practice really does make perfect; as for the band I think it will continue to make the stands dance!"



Shannon Woods
Sophomore
English

"I don't think that it will be the same without the cheerleaders."

By Andrea Starr

Handwriting on
the Wall

"A real leader faces the music, even if they do not like the tune."

Detra Colbert, Senior

What's your motto to live by?
Email your "Handwriting on the Wall" to panther@pvamu.edu

Diversity reigns as PV turns into a colorful campus

By Daneric Johnson
Panther Staff

Diversity is a word that is very seldom heard in the same context with Prairie View A&M University. Prairie View is known around the state and maybe even this country. We are known for our superior engineering program, which produces hundreds of mechanical, electrical and chemical engineers and our nursing program. Also, since the trip to Atlanta last fall, we have been known all over the country for our unstoppable marching band known as the "Marching Storm." But, to be known as having a diverse student body, that's preposterous, isn't it? Well, things are rapidly changing in terms of the physical make-up of the student body here at PV.

Prairie View in the past has seen a number of black Americans, Africans, and Jamaicans, come and go. But, the Prairie View future will also see an abundance of Anglo Americans, Hispanics, Puerto Ricans and others grace the stage at graduation. According to the 2000 Princeton Review, although blacks still are in the obvious majority here on "the hill," other races are represented in the student body statistics. Afro-Americans make up 92 percent of the student population and whites, Hispanics, and Asians are at 8 percent respectively.

The PV fact book also supports the notion that things are becoming more uniform concerning race here on the hill. Since the fall of 2001 there has been a 2 percent increase in Anglo

American enrollment. Lettie Raab, an administrator at University College, herself has

calls his Alma Mater. What kind of an advocate of a good education would one be if they kept all the good stuff to themselves."

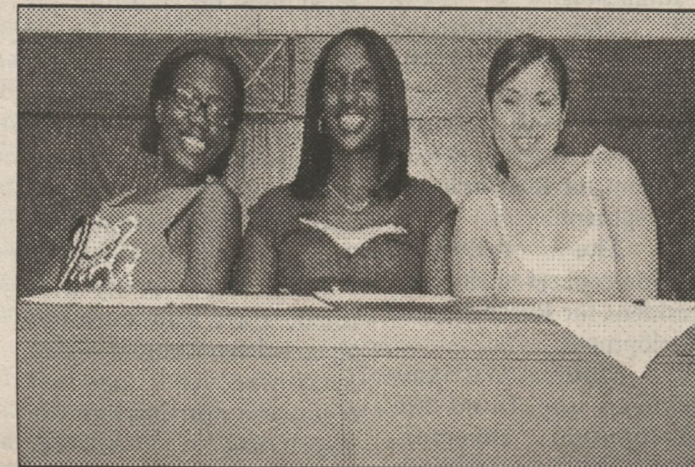


Photo by Brent Watson

A diverse mix of freshmen interested in joining SGA gathered in the Senate Chambers last Wednesday.

contributed to the diversity of the campus by literally birthing a Panther. Her son who indeed is Anglo chose Prairie View over many different predominantly white institutions. Lettie Raab said that her son's motivation for attending PV was the same as the motto which all who attend PV have grown to love, "Prairie View produces productive people."

This conclusion is made apparent to the public because of the thousands of Prairie View graduates who range in occupations from mechanical engineers to elementary school teachers. Raab said that, "diverse students bring in more diverse students." Raab gave an great example of how such an act occurs and therefore boosts student population and diversifies the campus at the same time. "My son who is now engaged insisted on his wife receiving her master's at the same place he

Press Release

The new Undergraduate Medical Academy begins its first semester with 18 sophomores enrolled in the special program designed to prepare students for entry into medical schools around the country, Dr. Dennis E. Daniels, professor and director of the undergraduate medical academy joined Prairie View A&M University's faculty in Spring 2004. The week of August 23rd he conducted a forum to

introduce the new staff and present an overview of the Academy's origin, purpose, goals and method of operation. He explained that the Academy offers a summer enrichment program, a new degree program, research opportunities and test preparation for medical school candidates. Daniels made a special effort to clarify that the Academy is not a medical school, but is an intense, specialized program that focuses on readiness for success in medical school.

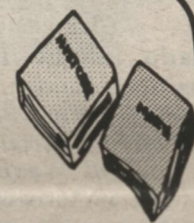
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The new library hours are:

Mon.-Thurs. 7 a.m.-2 a.m.

Fri.-Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun. 1 p.m.-10 p.m.



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Join us! All are welcome!

Mass: every Tuesday, 5pm, All Faiths Chapel

First meeting: Tuesday, August 31st, 7pm, location: TBA

The Catholic Newman Center
Anderson Hall, Room 217
936-857-2824

Read *The Panther*
Every Wednesday

Wright makes administrative changes

President George C. Wright has restructured the university and appointed new staff to enable the university to "respond more readily and effectively to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community."

According to an announcement from the president's office, Dan Williams was named Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, effective March 1, 2004. Williams has 38 years of fiscal experience with six different public universities in Texas.

Changes have been made in the following positions reporting to the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer:

Fred Washington will serve as Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration effective September 1, 2004 after serving in the role of Interim Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration since October 1, 2003.

Larry Raab has been named Executive Director for Facilities, Planning, Construction and Special Projects, effective September 1, 2004. Raab's primary responsibility is to produce and monitor the Campus Master Plan and to advise and make recommendations regarding the efficient and effective use of space on campus.

Charles Muse, who has previously served as Chief Engineer in charge of campus utilities, has been promoted to the position of

Director of Physical Plant effective June 1, 2004.

Changes have been made in the following positions reporting to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs:

Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith's responsibilities have been expanded and her title changed to Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, effective June 1, 2004. In this new capacity she has chief responsibility for all academic and student affairs at Prairie View A&M University. All programs and services for a positive impact on the development and preparation of students for life and for the professions are under the jurisdiction of Thomas-Smith.

The following positions report to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs:

Dr. Doris Price returns to her role as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, effective June 1, 2004. Price's areas of responsibility include student activities, career planning and placement, disability services, judicial services, community life and the Johnson Phillip All-Faiths Chapel.

Don Byars has been appointed Associate Provost for Enrollment Services effective June 1, 2004. Byars comes to Prairie View A&M

University for the University of Kentucky where he served for 32 years in various administrative capacities in the areas of policy development and outreach, recruitment, and operations of admissions.

The following position reports to the President:

Dr. Willie Trotty continues in his role as Vice President for Research and Development.

The following position reports to the Vice President for Research and Development:

Monica Williams has been appointed the Development Director, effective May 1, 2004. She is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Capital Campaign and for developing and sustaining a funding base representing individuals, corporations, foundations and other private entities.

The following position reports to the President:

Dr. Lauretta Byars has been appointed Vice President for Institutional Relations and Public Service, effective August 1, 2004. She comes to Prairie View A&M University from the University of Kentucky where she has 30 years of experience in community outreach and diversity development. Byars is responsible for evaluating and promoting the University's services and programs that address some of the state's most critical

needs in the areas of education, health, the environment, arts and culture, economic well-being, community vitality and civic engagement.

Her position is the focal point for coordination of planning and delivery of programs and services, including but not limited to service learning, continuing education, K-12 outreach, multi-cultural affairs, and community development. The position links entities within the University with local, state and national agencies and foundations to maximize the use of resources appropriate for improving health, education, socio-economic, and cultural well-being of the citizens of Texas.

The following positions report to the Vice President for Institutional Relations and Public Service:

Diana Fallis continues as Public and Media Relations Officer.

Frank Jackson continues as Governmental Relations Officer.

The following positions will continue to report to the President:

Charles McClelland continues as the Director of Athletics.

Carol Campbell continues as Director of Special Events.

Commenting on the administrative changes, Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith said, "There are many very talented, competent, hard working faculty and staff at this truly fine University. Changes that help people better define their roles, yet understand their responsibilities to the University and to one another, and improve their performance, will result in an improved University."

He brings experience as a player and a coach to our team and the ability to completely turn our football program around.

As a quarterback at Bowie State University he went 18-3-1 as a starter, and as the head coach for four seasons he finished with a winning record of 26-24.

He received numerous accolades during his stint with Bowie State University; among many he was selected Coach of the Year by the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

"I am excited and pleased to have someone of Coach Frazier's caliber to be our next head coach," said Charles McClelland, Prairie View's athletic director.

We can look forward to some senior leadership this season with fourteen returning seniors and two senior transfers for this years Panthers.

Among them are: Michael Hill, leading passer, and Tavarus Holiday, leading rusher.

There will also be three freshmen who have earned the chance to start in their respective positions: Derrick Bowman, running back from Arling-

ton, Greg Chatman, wide receiver, transfer from Colorado State, and Derrick Williams, defensive lineman, from Brandywine, MD.

Other than Chatman there are seven transfer players: Santana Lane (Kansas), Chris Gibson (Bowie State), Anthony Wright (Texas A&M), Jessie Bryant (UofH), David Colston (New Mexico State), Quentin Holman (Texas A&M), and Jerad Cowan (Kansas State).

The Panthers will definitely have support from the home front. Of the eleven games scheduled, four will be at Blackshear Field, Alcorn State (Oct.9), Alabama State (Oct.16), Lincoln, Homecoming, (Oct.23), and Jackson State (Nov.13).

Two will be held in Houston, Texas Southern, Labor Day Classic, (Sept.4) and Southern (Sept.18). There will also be two games played in Dallas, Paul Quinn (Sept.11) and Grambling State, State Fair Classic, (Oct.2).

The only games that will be played outside of Texas will be against Mississippi Valley State (Oct.30), Arkansas-Pine Bluff (Nov.6), and Alabama A&M (Nov.20).

The team is looking good in practices, Unfortunately was unable to scrimmage Saturday because of the rain.

The team had no comments about a player being transported to the hospital, after passing out during practice.

Overall this season should be successful. In an interview Coach Frazier said, "As long as the team plays hard, and they execute the game

plan, we should win, I expect to win, I hate to lose, we don't play to lose!"

We shouldn't expect anything less from a team full of talent, and a coach with a winning attitude and the winning coaching record to back it up.

The Panthers will host the TSU Tigers Saturday Sept 4, at Reliant Stadium in Houston, at 7:00 p.m. They look to redeem 14 year consecutive streak held by the Tigers. Please get your seats now. They will be \$26 on Saturday at the Reliant Stadium.

Photo By Arthraya L. Love

Coach Wright is preparing the team for the upcoming season.

Department of Student Activities & Leadership

September 2004

10th-11th Hip Hop Mega Dance Jamz (Class I & II)

15th Recognized Student Organization (RSO) Open House

17th-18th Hip Hop Mega Dance Jamz (Class III, IV & Video)

21st Beyond the Flagpoles

23rd Back to Basic (B2B) Kick-off

28th Panther Lecturer Series: Judge Greg Mathis

29th Hispanic Heritage Month Program: Baila Contigo

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Great Expectations For Upcoming Football Season

By Rashad Morgan
Panther Staff

"I expect for us to win" are the words spoken by new Prairie View Panther's head football coach Henry Frazier III, as he referred to not only the season opener Labor Day Classic, but the season as a whole.

Coach Frazier was the head coach last season at Bowie State University in Maryland and first started his coaching duties at Prairie View at the beginning of last semester.

He brings experience as a player and a coach to our team and the ability to completely turn our football program around.

As a quarterback at Bowie State University he went 18-3-1 as a starter, and as the head coach for four seasons he finished with a winning record of 26-24.

He received numerous accolades during his stint with Bowie State University; among many he was selected Coach of the Year by the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

"I am excited and pleased to have someone of Coach Frazier's caliber to be our next head coach," said Charles McClelland, Prairie View's athletic director.

We can look forward to some senior leadership this season with fourteen returning seniors and two senior transfers for this years Panthers.

Among them are: Michael Hill, leading passer, and Tavarus Holiday, leading rusher.

There will also be three freshmen who have earned the chance to start in their respective positions: Derrick Bowman, running back from Arling-

ton, Greg Chatman, wide receiver, transfer from Colorado State, and Derrick Williams, defensive lineman, from Brandywine, MD.

Other than Chatman there are seven transfer players: Santana Lane (Kansas), Chris Gibson (Bowie State), Anthony Wright (Texas A&M), Jessie Bryant (UofH), David Colston (New Mexico State), Quentin Holman (Texas A&M), and Jerad Cowan (Kansas State).

The Panthers will definitely have support from the home front. Of the eleven games scheduled, four will be at Blackshear Field, Alcorn State (Oct.9), Alabama State (Oct.16), Lincoln, Homecoming, (Oct.23), and Jackson State (Nov.13).

Two will be held in Houston, Texas Southern, Labor Day Classic, (Sept.4) and Southern (Sept.18). There will also be two games played in Dallas, Paul Quinn (Sept.11) and Grambling State, State Fair Classic, (Oct.2).

The only games that will be played outside of Texas will be against Mississippi Valley State (Oct.30), Arkansas-Pine Bluff (Nov.6), and Alabama A&M (Nov.20).

The team is looking good in practices, Unfortunately was unable to scrimmage Saturday because of the rain.

The team had no comments about a player being transported to the hospital, after passing out during practice.

Overall this season should be successful. In an interview Coach Frazier said, "As long as the team plays hard, and they execute the game

plan, we should win, I expect to win, I hate to lose, we don't play to lose!"

We shouldn't expect anything less from a team full of talent, and a coach with a winning attitude and the winning coaching record to back it up.

The Panthers will host the TSU Tigers Saturday Sept 4, at Reliant Stadium in Houston, at 7:00 p.m. They look to redeem 14 year consecutive streak held by the Tigers. Please get your seats now. They will be \$26 on Saturday at the Reliant Stadium.



Coach Wright is preparing the team for the upcoming season.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Department of Student Activities & Leadership

September 2004

- 10th-11th Hip Hop Mega Dance Jamz (Class I & II)
- 15th Recognized Student Organization (RSO) Open House
- 17th-18th Hip Hop Mega Dance Jamz (Class III, IV & Video)
- 21st Beyond the Flagpoles
- 23rd Back to Basic (B2B) Kick-off
- 28th Panther Lecturer Series: Judge Greg Mathis
- 29th Hispanic Heritage Month Program: Baila Contigo

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SGA Speaks Out

The Student Government Association has been doing copious things since the beginning of the school year. We have been working diligently for the students. As of last week, we approved the By-laws for the Senate and Executive Board and the Constitution. Elections will be held on Sept. 21. Anyone interested in running for class officers, college senator or class Queen and King packets will be available on Sept. 1 in the SGA office. During the elections for class officers and constituencies, the approval for the constitution will take place in the Senate Chambers on the 2nd floor of the Memorial Student Center at 4 p.m. At that time, the Executive Board and I will address some of your questions and concerns about school related issues face to face.

History of the Labor Day Classic

By Leona Aaron
Sports Editor

This year marks the 20th anniversary, of the Labor Day Classic between Prairie View's Panthers and Texas Southern's Tigers.

For the first time since 1971, both schools are debuting new coaches. PVAMU is led by Henry Frazier III, while Steve Wilson is at the helm at TSU.

TSU leads the series 17-1 and the last victory for the Panthers was in 1988, winning 13-10. That was the only year Prairie View ended a season with a non-losing record (5-5).

TSU has won the last 14 contests between the two schools. Before it was named the Labor Day Classic in 1984, TSU had beaten the Panthers 10 straight years.

The 1988 game was a historic night for PVAMU, as they went down to the wire with TSU. The first half was full of mistakes as neither team scored. TSU struck first in the second half, taking a 3-0 lead. PVAMU bounced back with the help of a few key players.

New leadership for cheerleading squad

By Dustin Daniel
Associate Sports Editor

Prairie View A&M alumna Betty Hall will oversee and advise the 2004-05 cheerleading squad. Currently an assistant director of student activities, Hall was called upon to a take charge of a cheerleading program mired in controversy following an unfortunate accident which resulted in Bethany Norwood's debilitating spinal injury.

"With my duties in student activities, I have to make

sure that I'm around them often, as well as make sure the practices are scheduled," said Hall.

University officials have implemented a new policy restricting the performance of any stunts where someone's feet leave the ground, allowing what President Wright refers to as all "safeguards" to be in place. Among the activities no stunting, tumbling, pyramiding, toe touching, or jumping of any kind.

"Not a lot of students have shown

interest in joining the squad due to what transpired prior to my arrival here," says Hall. "But we are trying to get training here, as well as a mini camp."

Although limitations on performance are in place, basic requirements are unchanged. "You still must have a grade point average of, or exceeding a 2.5, be at least a sophomore, in good standing with the university, a good smile, and a good personality," says Hall.

This former Black Fox continues to exude

coach and defensive coordinator last year.

TSU has 17 consecutive victories against PVAMU. Their last winning season was in 2000, posting an 8-3 record. They will be returning 12 starters and 20 lettermen from a team that finished third in the SWAC West. They will have a total of 5 newcomers and 45 returnees. With everyone in place it looks like this will be a Labor Day Classic



Football team getting ready for the Labor Day Classic. By Arthayia L. Love

back Gregory Black had four interceptions, tying Chester Nichols' record. Black also recovered two TSU fumbles during the game.

Black had help from teammates Jorge Medina and Victor Pegram who combined for two field goals and a touchdown. These players helped lead the Panthers to their first victory against TSU. Despite all the mishaps,

after losing 14 straight years to TSU.

The Panthers have tricks up their sleeve, with 53 lettermen returning. They will also be returning five defensive starters under the direction of new defensive coordinator James Jones.

Jones has the hard task of rebuilding a defense that ranked at the bottom of the conference last season. Jones is an alumnus of TSU and was the assistant head

for the history books. PV is the underdog, while TSU will be hoping to celebrate a 15th consecutive victory over the Panthers.

The game will be held at Reliant Stadium in Houston, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$24 and \$18 advance reserved sales. They will be \$26 the day of the game.

confidence in regard to the state of this year's squad, and the preparation for Saturday's showdown with rival TSU in the Labor Day Classic. "They've been practicing this week, and they'll continue to practice, as they are getting in good shape."

With a master's degree in guidance counseling, Betty Hall is poised to revamp the cheerleading program. "I've been affiliated with Prairie View for over 24 years," she said. "And I love it."

PV Picks

Football Games: PV vs TSU

Rice vs UH

Grambling vs Alcorn

Southern vs McNeese

Soccer Games: PV vs Jackson State

Baseball Games: Cleveland Indians vs New York Yankees



Dustin Daniel

PV over TSU in an upset!!!

Rice

Grambling

How 'bout them

Cowboys!! (McNeese)

PV in a blowout!!!

Them stinkin Yankees!!!



Steven Kennedy

PV over TSU

UH over Rice

Grambling over Alcorn

McNeese St. over

Southern

P.V. over JSU

Yankees over Indians



Leona Aaron

PV over TSU

UH over Rice

Grambling over Alcorn

McNeese over Southern

PV over JSU

Yankees over Indians



Lori Mason

PV over TSU

UH over Rice

Grambling over Alcorn

McNeese St. over

Southern

PV over JSU

Yankees over Indians



Rashad Morgan

PV over TSU

Rice over UH

Grambling over Alcorn

Southern over McNeese

St.

PV over JSU

Yankees over Indians



Woodson
signs
tender

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) -- Charles Woodson's monthlong holdout didn't yield the "boat load of

"I think everybody is just ready for me to get in here, and get into the thick of things and get ready to play football," he said. "The players, they understand my side."

The coaches, all of them have been through it before with other players so this is nothing new to anybody.

I'm not the first to do this and I certainly won't be the last. I think right now everybody is just ready for me to get out there and play ball."

This game is not all that complicated. We're going to try to ingrain him as quickly as we can," Ravens coach Brian Billicks said Tuesday morning. We have to make sure we know where he's at physically.

Sanders has not played since the 2000 season,

which he spent with the Washington Redskins. He retired on the eve of the team's training camp in 2001, but the Ravens are convinced he's still got enough talent to contribute to their bid to defend the AFC North title and advance to the Super Bowl.

money" he said he was looking for, so it was time to show up at Oakland Raiders' training camp.

Woodson signed a one-year tender for \$8.782 million on Tuesday, joining the team for the first time after a 33-day holdout.

The Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Pt. I

By Harry Bailey
Panther Staff

If you were asked to talk about God for five minutes, could you do it? Have you ever sat down and collected your thoughts about who God really is? Well, if not, I would encourage you to read on.

Before we get started let's establish the framework. Mankind and his intellect cannot exhaustively define nor pin down who God is. We are created by an infinite God as finite beings with only a limited understanding of Him. Even if words had the capability to fully express who God is, it would be irrational to minimize them into a few paragraphs.

Although God cannot be totally comprehended, we still have the ability to know Him. He has revealed Him-

self to the world through different avenues such as His Son and Word. Dr. Charles Ryrie stated in his book, "Basic Theology," that "God has revealed many facts about Himself, all of which are important in making our personal relationship close."

The next important thing to understand is the revelation of God through His Word. There are 66 books of the Bible that are inspired by God and profitable for doctrine or teaching. These books are considered totally accurate and without error. Biblical theology teaches us that God is one who exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is not to say that they are three separate Gods, therefore creating a polytheistic mindset, but rather that the three persons are co-

equal and distinctive. Polytheism is the idea that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three separate Gods instead of one. To sum it up, biblical teachings of God as the Trinity is not represented as $1+1+1=3$, but $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$.

When looking at God the Father, there are several things to observe. He is traditionally viewed as the first person of the Trinity and called the God-Head. The Bible teaches that God is Spirit, which is a declaration of His invisible nature. He is not confined to the limitations of space, time nor location.

God is also eternal in His being. He was not created nor will He ever have an ending. It is stated that He is from everlasting to everlasting, or in a mathematical sense, from negative infinity

to positive infinity. God knows everything, things actual and things possible. He is not surprised by any circumstances nor is He ever caught off guard.

Ryrie stated that "He is all powerful and can do anything consistent to His nature." His sovereign is defined as having unlimited power and control over the affairs of the universe. This world that we live in was created from the very words spoken from Him. All of creation declares His glory and testifies to His great power. He is the ultimate expression of light which describes His holy nature that is completely separate from darkness.

This list can definitely go on much longer so I will end with His love. Simply stated in the Bible: God is

love. His love compels Him to seek a relationship with those He created. His desire is that we would not view Him as some far off impersonal being, but as a God who is knowable and concerned about every aspect of our lives.

It is my hope that your understanding of God is clearer from this brief synopsis of the Father. Many of these attributes can be implied to Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. We must always be mindful that human characteristics do not apply to God, but are used to reveal who he is. words can never fully explain the nature of God. If there is a desire within your heart to truly know God than seek Him, because in doing so He will be found.

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Religious Organizations on Campus

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JPAFC Praise Dancers: Students who interpret the Word of God through dance.

Young Ministers Association: College students who are ministers in training (Male and Female)

Muslim Association: Students who practice their faith in Islam

Alpha Lambda Omega Sorority, Inc.: A Christian Sorority of ladies attending Prairie View A&M University.

Gamma Phi Delta Fraternity, Inc.: A Christian fraternity of gentlemen attending Prairie View A&M University.

For more info contact the JPAF Chapel

The truth about HIV & AIDS

By DeRoyce Freeman
Panther Staff

Many students on Prairie View's campus are not well educated on the facts of HIV & AIDS. I asked ten students on campus, male and female, if they thought it was possible for people to become infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) through oral sex. Four out ten said no, and out of the four only one of them was a freshman. I also asked them if they thought wearing a condom was a good way to prevent catching HIV? All ten said yes, but one student suggested that after he is in a long relationship with someone then wearing a condom would no longer be important.

Many people think that after you have known a person for a long period of time protection is pointless. A junior at Prairie View was asked if protection would still be relevant even if she had been with a person for a long time? She said "yes, because my father cheated on my mother with a man and became infected with HIV, now he is deceased." Then I asked her does she think that HIV and AIDS is a gay disease. She said "no, because there are many other people who have HIV and they [are] not gay."

From 1999 through 2004, the number of diagnoses of HIV & AIDS infection increased among whites, Hispanics, and Asians. The number of diagnoses among blacks remained stable. In 2003, blacks accounted for 54 percent of all new diagnoses of HIV & AIDS. At the end of 2003, approximately 384,906 persons in the

"...because my father cheated on my mother with a man and became infected with HIV, now he is deceased."

United States were living with AIDS, 42 percent were black, 37 percent white, 20 percent Hispanic and one percent other. Many people think that HIV is a gay disease and that heterosexuals are not at risk. AIDS & HIV is a people disease therefore it doesn't matter if you are black, white, or Hispanic. Many students do not have a clear definition of what AIDS is. AIDS is acquired immune deficiency syndrome, a disease caused by HIV, which makes you vulnerable to life threatening infections that normally can be fought off by your immune system. The immune system is the body's defense against infections. There is a difference between AIDS and HIV. HIV is a disorder of the immune system which leads to inadequate resistance of life threatening

illness. There are four ways that HIV is transmitted. Through blood, semen, vaginal secretions, and breast milk. The behaviors that can lead to the transmission of HIV is vaginal, anal, and oral sex with an infected person. Also sharing or using unsterilized needles, mother to child transmission before or during birth, and even through breast feeding. To find out more about HIV & AIDS all students on and off campus are encouraged to call the health center for more information. There are also organizations on campus that counsel people about HIV & AIDS and hold seminars through a teaching tool called "Pillow Talk2." The name of this organization is H.O.P.E. Prairie View student Rebecca Williams, an active member of H.O.P.E., believes that students at Prairie View should educate themselves on the HIV. She feels that HIV affects millions of young black people daily and the number of blacks who are infected with the disease is on a rise. Education is the key to preventing this disease. Also being wise about the decisions you make and understanding that there is no cure can help you prevent becoming infected, so always be safe and always wrap it up!

Lifestyle/ Health Q&A

Could eating dark chocolate improve your health?

Scientists have found that eating dark chocolate appears to improve the function of important cells lining the wall of blood vessels for at least three hours.

Do you sit on public toilets?

Did you know that you come in contact with more bacteria when you touch a door knob than when you sit on a toilet at Wal-Mart?

Do you suffer severe menstrual cramps?

Did you know drinking a hot cup of tea is the perfect remedy for cramps. Camomile flavor also helps you fall right off to sleep?

Source: Associated Press

Know your HIV status in 20 minutes

The Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides superior quality medical, psychosocial and supportive services to persons infected with HIV, as well as outreach, education, and testing services for those at risk.

One of the tests offered at the clinic is called Oral Quick. The Oral Quick HIV test is special because it gives a positive or negative response in fifteen to twenty minutes.

The test requires one quick finger stick, two drops of blood, and twenty minutes of time to spare. Although the test is quick and easy it has a guaranteed accuracy of 99.9%.

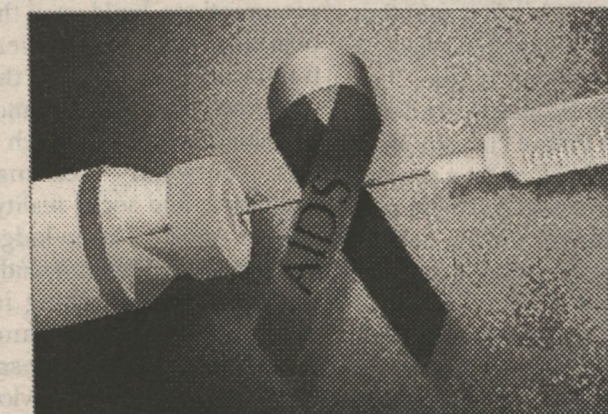
For someone who doesn't like the pressure that comes along with waiting two weeks to receive test scores, the Oral Quick is worth the fifty dollars it costs.

The foundation also provides medications for HIV and AIDS to those having little or no income. If one resides in Chambers, Ft. Bend, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery or Waller County it is possible to qualify for the medication upon a positive response.

The clinic also provides a free HIV test that has an expected response of two weeks.

The clinic is located at 4900 Fannin Street of Houston Texas.

For more info call 713-528-1748, or toll free 800-580-6939.



What happens to a dream deferred?



By Raquel Clark
L/H & A/E Editor

Welcome back Panthers! First off, I must express to my audience how proud I am to be labeled the new Lifestyles & Entertainment Editor for *The Panther* this year. For introduction purposes I would like to educate you about myself. I am a 22-year-old senior who is majoring in English. I plan to give all of my passion and concern to the paper and I hope you guys can relate to

some of the issues I will be writing about. Many of the things I write about are things that I am going through in my own personal life. I only hope you guys are able to draw from my work and apply something positive to your lives. With that being said I would like to touch on a subject that has been bold in my life lately; and that is patience.

How many of you are waiting on a promise from God or a season to come forth in your life? It is often said that patience is a virtue. However, if you ask me one of the hardest things to do is wait! I absolutely want to scream every time the suggestion of this righteous activity travels from someone's tongue and lands upon my ears. Unfortunately, life has its own plans and is consistent in its sovereignty. I think I am coming to the realization that I will just have to stop

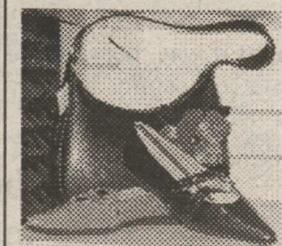
throwing a temper-tantrum and let God be the guider of my life.

There have been so many things that I have tried to manipulate lately. My human error helps me to believe I need to help God with my life because he is simply taking too long. I am a person who believes firmly in balance and time. If you ask me, there is a grand piano playing a universal song for all of us to find a beat to. We must all find the correct beat orchestrated for our specific life and dance only to that beat. I must admit it is tempting to dance to someone else's beat especially when success is the song.

The challenge to all of us would be to sit back and grasp trust. Trust is absolutely letting go and letting things just happen. It is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.

Rightfully there is a time for all things to take place in our lives. There is a time for happiness, a time for mourning, and definitely a time for sadness. As hard as we are yanking on our rope in this battle of tug of war, I think it is time for us to throw in the white flag and surrender. It is too hard to fight God, too easy to be rebellious, and far too risky to be a prodigal child.

So I will take my own advice and just relax. I know that life will take care of itself, and all I have to do is fasten my seat belt for the ride. For I know the good things that have happened in other's lives today, will be called to my life tomorrow. So when I'm asked what happens to a dream deferred, I no longer believe it explodes. I simply store it in memory as a notion in progress. My anxious little heart will receive its desire! It is simply a matter of time.



What are they?

Super cute "Mary-Jane" style flats

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Why have sociology majors become an endangered species?

By DeeDe Burke
Panther Staff

Political ambassadors Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Rev. Jesse Jackson, entertainers Dan Aykroyd and Robin Williams, athlete Alonzo Mourning, and sportscaster Ahmad Rashad all have something in common. They all majored in Sociology.

It is often said that all great minds think alike. If this statement is true, then why do so many students here at Prairie View shy away from sociology as a major? Employers in business and government pursue college graduates who are well rounded in liberal arts and education, qualities found and recognized in a Sociologist. A major in Sociology provides a substantial amount of career possibilities. Despite all these positive things about

sociology, it has yet to become a desired study due to lack of knowledge and exposure. Sociology can be defined as the study of human behavior and social forces, that influence people's beliefs and actions, or simply the study of group life. A Sociologist is a critical and analytic thinker who develops questions about relationships in groups and seeks evidence to support those presumptions, build upon the thinking and theoretical frameworks set forth by the predecessors in sociology and, examine the world through a link between personal experience and social reality. Skills and knowledge developed in this field of study are crucial for working in today's multi-ethnic and multi-national business, government, and social service environment. These skills are imperative in providing indepth insights into social factors including race, gender,

and class. Job opportunities and professions flourish from a B.A. in Sociology. According to the Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook, sociologists interested in practice settings, both applied and critical, will find that positions outside academia are rapidly spreading. Some examples of employment opportunities are, but not limited to: State Department of Corrections, public relations, management training programs, marketing trainees, news media, mental health, and youth and social services. According to the U.S. Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual earnings of social scientists were \$52,280 in 2002. However, the salaries vary depending on your specific specialization. One must keep in mind the fact that sociology is a growing study, and is still branching out with more career options.

Considering the mis-education when it comes to Sociology, it is obvious why it could be hard for a student to get enthusiastic about the field. However, one branch of opportunity that is highly desired by students in this major is counseling. Andrea Bridges is a 21-year-old senior Sociology major specializing in Mental Health counseling. When approached with the idea of enlightening Prairie View students about majoring in Sociology, Bridges was anxious and excited about participating in an informative interview. When asked why she chose Sociology as a major she stated, "I chose Sociology because it focuses on how society affects us all on a day to day basis. Society has so many influences on the decisions we make and how we make them." Bridges wants to pursue a career in mental health counseling she

would be able to make a positive impact on America's mental illnesses. She says the salaries in the field of sociology generally start around forty thousand, and can increase as high as one hundred thousand dollars per year. It is also a belief that the study of sociology can encourage students to become more aware of themselves, and the role students play in society and on campus. If you have a feel for reading people through observation and interaction, or if you have a tendency to look at the bigger picture while others focus on the moment, Sociology may just be your destined field.

Send your "Pick of the Week" ideas to
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"Ant Farm" on the march Prairie View student starts his own record label

By Albert Hughes
Panther Staff

In Prairie View, Texas located 50 miles outside of Houston, a young entrepreneur named Anthony Russ has decided to use his location, love and god-gifted talents to their fullest ability by starting Ant Farm Entertainment.

With two R&B/Soul vocalists, a rap musician and himself as the producer, the 23 year-old plans to do big things and set his music apart from competition in his company's second year of existence.

On an actual ant farm someone wouldn't even be able to find a single ant not working. Everything is constantly moving and each organized insect looks as if they have their own separate task that must be completed.

Russ feels this analogy fits his company perfectly. "We are like a family that each has a task to do and when we finish it, it all comes back to the same spot."

Along with the constantly moving work ethic

and the obvious reference to his first name Russ would like people to feel his down south roots in the company's title *Ant Farm*.

The company's first release, due out later this fall, will be Ant Farm's introduction entitled "From the Dirt."

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," says R&B vocalist Late Night, business partner of Russ and the cornerstone of the label. Along with his two cousins, Daphane Simms and a rap artist by the name of Paperboy, Late Night plans to provide the public with a product that displays the entire label's abilities and talents.

Russ a native of Texarkana, and an ex computer science major, began playing music at the young age of seven and began making beats at 16. Russ is responsible for laying the beats and ballads while the three cousins from Midland provide the voices.

Russ and Late Night met after discovering each other's gifts during interaction

in church. "From then on it's been like a family," says Russ.

"We can be humming a melody or making a sound with our voice and Russ just starts playing it on the keyboard," says Night, referring to their compatibility.

Their feel good music, as Ant Farm likes to call it, comes from a mixture of church choir rehearsal, 70s soul, and classic down south hip-hop. Russ, who's favorite old-time band is Earth Wind and Fire, is not afraid to draw inspiration from classic musicians such as The Commodores, Michael Jackson or the Isleys'. Russ said that he studies and appreciates many producers that are not mainstream such as D.J Unique (Bone Thugs and Harmony), T-Mixx (Suave House), and legendary producer Mike Dean of Dean's List Productions and Rap-A-Lot records.

As the most experienced artist, Night's solo effort is scheduled to be the label's second release and should be expected shortly after the label's inaugural

album. "I want people to feel like they got to know me after they listen to my music, I want to leave them with a piece of me," says Night.

"The first year we laid low a little bit but this year we plan to be more active in putting music out and doing things on the campus," says Russ. Ant Farm is planning a campus talent show, their second annual Valentine Day party at the community center, and an album release event to be held later this semester.

"This is still a growing process and it hasn't been easy," says Night in speaking of the constant problems that can occur while trying to create a musical masterpiece.

When asked how the group stays focused and in direction, their response was, "We just try to keep all of our music and beats original, use what we have to its fullest ability and make feel good music that you can feel good



MTV keeps it clean

By Adrian Sainz
Associated Press

There was no Madonna-Britney Spears kiss, no partially clad Howard Stern coming down from the rafters, and certainly no wardrobe malfunctions. The MTV Awards show on Sunday featured typical frenetic energy and sexy style, and a few musical surprises, but it was mostly a kinder, gentler version of past shows.

Usher showed as much skin as anybody, preening in front of the camera bare-chested as simulated raindrops fell on his chiseled body during the opening performance of "Burn." And the sometimes raunchy comedian Dave Chappelle even kept it relatively clean — despite teasing that he wouldn't.

There may have been plenty of sex appeal on the show in Miami — cleavage was the main fashion trend for women, cool colors for men — but little shock appeal.

The change of scenery for the awards, typically held in New York or Los Angeles, helped raise the decadence level at the celebrity-soaked affair, held at the downtown American Airlines Arena.

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"Extricate"

By: DeeDe Burke

Extract your lustful scent that is embedded in every stitch of my clothing.
Withdraw every emotional transaction inflicted upon my soul by your seductive smile.
Erase memories of happiness and enticing moments frozen in time by my love.
Detach the connection between your lips and my frontal lobe that melts me.
Unleash my heart from your chambers of captivity.
This cold box that once occupied our future now shutters and shivers with fear of vandalism, misfortune, and misuse.

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Shyne's *Godfather Buried Alive* rests three feet under

By Roderick Pullum
Panther Staff

A great deal has changed in the life of Jamal "Shyne Po" Barrow since the fateful night he accompanied his former friend and mentor Sean Combs to a downtown Manhattan night club. The precise timeline of events that occurred December 27th 1999 is information the general public may never be privy to. But what we do know is the end result...Puffy was acquitted on all charges and Shyne received a 10-year sentence for his role in the shootout that took place in the club.

Since the verdict, several trial insiders and members of the media have insinuated Barrow could have cushioned the blow he received had he elected to be more verbose about the roles his co-defendants had in the shooting.

However, Shyn believed that assuming the role of a snitch and or lying even in the name of self-preservation was quote "unethical" and chose to remain silent about certain aspects of what transpired. The rationale behind his decision may be debatable to some, but one cannot undermine the integrity and strength he had to possess in order to adhere to a code of ethics that he firmly believed in regardless of the consequences.

Shyne, now 25, resides in Dannemora New York where he is an inmate at the infamous Clinton Correctional Facility that once housed Tupac Shakur. From behind bars Barrow has managed to take his career to new heights, wielding tragedy into commerce, and respect.

Gangland/Def Jam Records has recently released "Shyne Po's" sophomore project entitled "Godfather Buried Alive". The album is primarily comprised of unreleased songs recorded shortly before and during the trial in 2000.

"Godfather" lacks the cohesiveness quality albums possess, and plays more like a collection of randomly selected tracks. It takes the artist, the producers, and the label A&R to be at the top of their game and work on one accord to construct an exceptional project, and Shyne's

incarceration drastically stagnated this process.

"Godfather Buried Alive" begins fairly strong with the morbid Quasi O.G. which incorporates a sample of "No More Trouble" by Bob Marley and the Wailers, and "More or Less" produced by Kanye West.

The album begins to go awry with "Behind the Walls", a song originally re-



leased on the Oz Soundtrack back in 2001 featuring Kurupt and Nate Dogg. The track's flaws are rooted in its poor production and a bevy of rudimentary verses by Kurupt. I challenge anyone to make it through this song without utilizing the seek button on your CD player.

"Behind the Walls" is followed by "Shyne", which features stellar production from Swizz Beats. "Shyne" is without a doubt a pleaser however it has an air of staleness due to the fact that it's received heavy rotation on several mixtapes for the last three years.

"For the Record" is a viscous verbal attack against G-Unit front-man, 50 Cent. The freestyle is an act of retaliation for negative comments 50 made over a year ago directed at Shyne, when rumors were circulating that he might sign with The Inc. Which is the home of 50's arch nemesis. This dis-track is filled to the brim with potent punch lines, however the sound quality is sub-par due to the fact that it was recorded via telephone

from prison. Although Shyne's jabs at 50 are guaranteed to evoke several "oohs" this record should have remained on the underground/bootleg circuit.

The album's one attempt at providing a mainstream track for radio and 106 and Park rotation is "Jimmy Choo" featuring production from The Inc. CEO Irv Gotti and vocals by Ashanti. This record implores the use of the Murder Inc. musical formula that has sold them millions...a radio friendly Hip Hop song about love and or flossin' mixed with addictive R&B hooks. However, the song has a flat and uninspired feel to it. It seems to contrived in achieving the aforementioned radio friendliness, and Shyne dumb-downed his lyrics a bit too much on this one.

On a positive note "Diamonds and Mac-10's" boasts the energetic horn-based production of none other than "Just Blaze" and is one of the best songs on the album. Po's delivery possesses a certain vigor and focus that is noticeably absent from most of the album. His lyrics from the verse to the hook are a little more poetic and mesh well with Blaze's trademark epic sound. "Godfather Buried Alive" needed two or three more tracks of this caliber.

Other highlights on the album include "The Gang" featuring fellow Brooklyn native Foxy Brown, and "Edge" which is comparable to "Diamonds and Mac-10's" in terms of Shyne's lyrical potency. Shyne's incarceration has made him an enigma of sorts. Despite his exceptional skill as an artist his life story has thrust him into another echelon of MC's and as a result has fueled the Rap world's demand for his presence both on wax and physically outside of prison. "Godfather Buried Alive" can be chalked up to an attempt at supplying that demand. Just a little something to tide fans over until he comes home.

Barrow's legal team is optimistic they will be successful in orchestrating a release for him as early as February of '05.

With rumors of a Brooklyn super-group with Jay-Z and Foxy Brown circulating, and his dual role as CEO and flagship artist of his own label the public can expect big things from Shyne once he touches down.

Godfather buried alive
recieves:



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Superior



Worth mp3ing or borrowing



What Were You Thinking



Time To Retire



1. What freshman got caught being fresh meat in a car?
2. Is that what they mean when they say "Access" program?
3. Which freshman boy was about to get beat up by Chanel?
4. Do they not know who Chanel is?
5. Who was disappointed at what '08 brought in this year?
6. Who are the girls wearing baby doll shirts as dresses?
7. Who planned their outfit for the first day of school?
8. How many girls are disgusted with the increase of thugs on campus?
9. Should PV be nick named Hot Boys Inc. Univeristy?
10. Who is the boy with the wood grain Texas medallion around his neck?
11. How many girls are sporting medium shirts on an extra large body?
12. Who's hot pants look like lumpy oatmeal?
13. Will Dr. Price be the captain of the cheerleading squad this year?
14. Dr. Wright, Dr. Wright- where are you?
15. Do we still not have anyone to sing "Something Inside So Strong"?
16. How many will spend their over payment checks before the Labor Day Classic?
17. Did you know Black Cat was towing again?
18. Will this year's SGA be another dictatorship like last year?
19. Who's ready to see how MIP is going to be this fall?
20. What do you think?

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September 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday: Poetry Night@ Paesanos 7pm Every Sunday: "Change Clothes" @Club Hush 5pm	6th: Labor day UNIVERSITY CLOSED 20th: Deadline for fall graduation applica- tions I.C Gordon student recognition banquet	14th: Investment Dressing and "Makeover Madness" @ MSC 6:30pm 21st: "Beyond the Flag- poles:@ MSC 7:00 pm 28th: Judge Mathis @ MSC 5pm-11pm	8th: 12th CLASS DAY ΩΨΦ Bar-B-Que@ Student Park 5pm- 10pm 15th: Organization Open House@ MSC 5pm- 10pm 22nd: 34th Annual Fall Career Fair@ MSC Ballroom 9am-3pm 29th: Hispanic Heritage Celebration@MSC 5pm-11pm	2nd: ΩΨΦ DoggieDay Ωlassic@ T-town 10pm Pep Rally@ Baby Dome 7pm 9th: Withdrawl with automatic "W" begins ΩΨΦ Bar-B-Que@ Student Park 5pm- 10pm 16th: Freshman Luau@ UC 6:30-8:30pm 23rd: Drive-In movie@ Hobart Taylor parking lot 6:30- 11:30pm	3rd: "Mahogany Open Mic" @2908 Rosedale & Ennis 9:30pm 10th: Hip-Hop dance class@ MSC 1-5pm 17th: AΦA Stepshow@ Evan Auditorium San Marcos, TX 8:06pm	4th: LABOR DAY CLASSIC "The Groove"@ Cabos 10pm AΦA Triad @ International Ballroom 10pm 11th: Hip-Hop dance class@ MSC 1-5p 18th: Back to Basic Mega Dance@ MSC 2-5pm

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Other students simply want to get in touch with their own racial backgrounds. "Really, I am here for the experience of an HBCU. Because the school I went to was a majority white school, I really wanted to experience my own culture," says Christina Bailey, a freshman from College Station. "But, ultimately my goal is to be on the Dean's List. I just want to hit the books, study, things like that."

The career goals of this class vary widely, from future Navy fighter pilots, to potential Broadway actresses. Others will pick a major without having any idea about the potential careers that might

follow. For instance, some freshmen will pick Mechanical Engineering as their major, without having any idea about what a mechanical engineer does.

"Some of them (students) aren't sure about what they want to do, so we try help the solidify their goals," says Lettie Raab, the project director of University College. "What they say and what they feel inside aren't the same as a what they want to be. We want to make sure that they choose the career that fits them."

This is why over a dozen counselors will be working with the freshmen class throughout the school year. They will help

freshmen narrow their field of options, and try to teach them about the fundamentals of the university.

"We want to make sure that they understand the process and procedures of the university," said Raab. "We try to teach them about the chain of concern. Show them how they can discuss an unsatisfactory grade with a professor, and things of that nature. We want them to obtain the common knowledge they'll need to excel in life."

Krystle Walker, a freshman from San Antonio, may have put it best when she said, "I'm just gonna take it one day at a time."



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

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